ANNEX A

FOI DOF/2026-0024

Request

Re: IRC306699

1. How many Grade 6 vacancies have been currently declared and what is the split between NICS departments?
2. When will the next list be published?

DoF response

I can confirm the department holds some of the information requested.

1. Details of the total vacancies in each department is not held centrally by Department of Finance. Each Civil Service department is responsible for managing its resources – both financial and staff. Each department determines its individual workforce needs and is responsible for ensuring that any additional staffing resources are affordable. When a department identifies a vacancy that needs filled, the request is referred to NICSHR to initiate the process to fill the post. NICSHR liaises with all departments on an ongoing basis to seek to prioritise recruitment activity within allocated financial and staff resources.

   As at the end of December 2025, (the most recent figures available at time of the request), NICSHR was managing a caseload of 9 Grade 6 vacancies which may be filled from competition IRC306699. The breakdown by Department is shown in the table below.

Department	Number of vacancies
DAERA	2
DfC	1
DfI	2
DoF	3
DOJ	1
Grand Total	**9**

2. As at the date of the request, the date for publication of the next list had not been confirmed.